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Ross Chittenden Chief, Division of Transportation Programming California Department of Transportation Business, Transportation and Housing Agency P.O.Box 942873 Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Re: SJCOG Amendment #27 FY 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Program

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

We have reviewed Amendment Number 27 to the California 2004/05-2006-07 Federal Statewide Transpiration Improvement Program (FSTIP) for San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), as identified in your letter of August 2, 2006. This amendment adds available FTA 5307, 5308 and 5309 funds to the FSTIP for San Joaquin Regional Transit District and the City of Tracy.

We accept and approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The eligibility of individual projects remains subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA administrative requirements.

The projects included in this amendment are exempt under air quality regulations from further air quality analysis. Further, the addition of these projects to the FSTIP is consistent with requirements for financial constraint. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Lorraine Lerman at (415) 744-2735.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers

Regional Administrator

Cc: Sue Kiser, FHWA Andrew Chesley, SJCOG